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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

My husband and I live on a fixed income. Our DSL connection and our local phone service with Coastside.net is vital to us. Their service is superb with no waiting to make appointments for small problems or questions. Our rates for our land line (we live in an area that does not have reliable mobile service) are very reasonable. We dread going back to AT&T and its inferior service and considerably higher rates. Competition should be encouraged in all industries important to consumers.

Do not allow this to happen. Your job should be to serve the public, not huge corporations.

Thank you.

Ruth Rafello